



Governor Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
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State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Conference Call Minutes

Wednesday, September 30th, 2020

[9:30 PM – 3:00 PM] - All Members – Statewide

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The meeting was called to order by W. Keck at 9:31 AM. Attendance was taken by V. Iyer at 9:32 AM.

Present: V. Iyer, W. Keck, A. Drahos, A. Moorlach, B. Kelly, I. Hanson, J. Piazza, K. Jones, K. Jones, K. Hesselink, K. Castillo, K. Chugh, L. Glenn, L. Roarick, P. Bassuk, S. Wilson, S. Koh, S. Drey, T. Loudon

Absent: K. Huntington

I. Welcome to SIYAC/State Government

At 9:34 AM, S. Wong introduces DHR and welcomes new SIYAC members to the council, as well as covering the purpose and impact of our position on SIYAC.

At 9:39 AM, S. Streit discusses her professional background and continues to talk about SIYAC's position in government, in DHR, and the laws that affect our council.

At 9:54 AM, W. Keck and S. Wong cover open records law and other meeting policies.

II. Ice Breaker

At 10:01 AM, W. Keck begins the icebreaker where we find one thing we have in common with each other and talk to get to know one another.

At 10:12 AM, W. Keck begins another icebreaker where we debate the best president in US history.

III. Legislator Speaker

At 10:10 AM, W. Keck begins to introduce the Legislative speaker and asks us to brainstorm questions for him.

At 10:23 AM, Sen. J. Bolkcom introduces himself and his professional background. He speaks about education and student loans for first-gen and undocumented students, as well as COVID's and climate change's effects on how the state is run. He speaks about how we need to be prepared for pandemics in the future and why we need to move towards renewable



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energy. He finally says how the pandemic has disproportionately impacted BIPOC and lower-income households and how climate change will do the same without preparations.

At 10:41 AM, SIYAC members begin asking Sen. J. Bolkcom questions about his time in office (V. Iyer, P. Bassuk, L. Roarick, S. Drey, A. Drahos)

At 11:07, W. Keck makes closing remarks about Sen. Bolkcom.

IV. Officer Candidate Elections

At 11:10 PM, B. Kelly gives her statement for the position of Public Relations Chair.

At 11:14 AM, we enter the questioning period. B. Kelly leaves the meeting.

At 11:15 AM, A. Jayaraman asks a question about how the process works if the council dislikes her platform

At 11:17 AM, A. Drahos, L. Glenn, I. Hanson, S. Koh speak in favor of B. Kelly's experience, work ethic, and personality and support her position.

At 11:19 AM, K. Chugh motions to previous questions and I. Hanson seconds. It passed unanimously.

At 11:20 AM, B. Kelly is elected as the 2020-21 SIYAC Public Relations Chair.

At 11:20 AM, L. Glenn gives her statement for the position of Service Chair.

At 11:24 AM, A. Drahos asks a question about L. Glenn's committee work in last year's term.

At 11:20 AM, S. Koh gives her statement for the position of Service Chair.

At 11:29 AM, J. Piazza asks about how S. Koh will find service projects for SIYAC members.

At 11:31 AM, I. Hanson asks about how we can follow CDC COVID procedure while doing service projects.

At 11:32 AM, A. Jayaram gives his statement for the position of Service Chair.

At 11:31 AM, I. Hanson asks about how we can follow CDC COVID procedure while doing service projects.

At 11:14 AM, we enter the questioning period. L. Glenn, S. Koh, and A. Jayaram leave the meeting.

At 11:36 AM, L. Roarick and B. Kelly speak in support of S. Koh.

At 11:37 AM, K. Chugh speaks in favor of L. Glenn and all three

At 11:38 AM, I. Hanson speaks in favor of A. Jayaram and L. Glenn.

At 11:39 AM, V. Iyer speaks in favor of L. Glenn and A. Moorlach asks about how prior experience affects success in leadership positions.

At 11:40 AM, P. Bassuk speaks in favor of S. Koh.

At 11:40 AM A. Drahos speaks in favor of L. Glenn.

At 11:40 AM L. Roarick speaks in favor of S. Koh.



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At 11:42 AM, K. Chugh motions to previous questions and I. Hanson seconds. It passed unanimously.

At 11:43 AM, I. Hanson motions to roll call vote.

At 11:46 AM, S. Koh is elected as the 2020-21 Service Chair with a 9-7 vote.

At 11:47 AM, K. Chugh gives his statement for the position of Legislative Affairs Chair.

At 11:47 AM, W. Keck reads K. Huntington's statement for the position of Legislative Affairs Chair.

At 11:54 AM, we enter the questioning period.

At 11:55 AM, I. Hanson, A. Drahos, L. Roarick, J. Piazza, and B. Kelly speak in favor of K. Chugh.

At 11:57 AM, B. Kelly speaks in favor of K. Huntington

At 11:59 AM, J. Piazza motions to previous questions and I. Hanson seconds. It passed unanimously. I. Hanson motions to roll call vote.

At 12:01 PM, K. Chugh is elected the 2020-21 Legislative affairs chair by 16-2 vote.

At 12:02 PM, we adjourn for lunch.

V. Mentor/Mentee Discussion

At 1:06, SIYAC members broke into mentor/mentee breakout rooms.

VI. Selecting/Voting on Committees

At 1:19, W. Keck opened the discussion regarding creating committees to SIYAC members.

At 1:20, K. Jones asked how many committees a member can serve on.

At 1:21, A. Jayaram asked about the maximum number of people in each committee.

At 1:23, B. Kelly motioned to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and was seconded by A. Moorlach.

At 1:24, W. Keck opened the floor for discussion.

At 1:27 PM, A. Drahos expressed concern at limiting this topic to only one committee.

At 1:28 PM, V. Iyer offers that this topic falls under the Human Rights committee.

At 1:29 PM, A. Moorlach asks to clarify what a subcommittee is.

At 1:32 PM, A. Drahos motions to table the discussion on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, B. Kelly seconds. It passes unanimously.

At 1:33 PM, S. Drey moves to talk about a potential education committee.

At 1:33 PM, B. Kelly, S. Wilson, L. Roarick, and P. Bassuk agree.

At 1:35 PM, I. Hanson moves to talk about a potential health committee.

At 1:36 PM, K. Chugh, L. Glenn agree.

At 1:38 PM, A. Drahos moves to talk about a potential environmental committee.

At 1:38 PM, K. Chugh, Kameron Jones, B. Kelly agree.

At 1:41, S. Drey motioned to create an Education Committee and was seconded by I. Hanson.



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At 1:42 PM, B. Kelly motions to enter voting procedure.

At 1:42 PM, the Education Committee is created.

At 1:43 PM, we enter debate.

At 1:43 PM, J. Piazza asks a question about how to differentiate this committee from others. L. Roarick asks about what position statements wouldn't fit here.

At 1:45 PM, A. Drahos expresses concern that this is too broad.

At 1:46 PM, S. Drey and I. Hanson recommend we just call it the Human Rights Committee.

At 1:47 PM, P. Bassuk asks how to create a core value for this committee and in all the work we do. A. Drahos responds that we write our position statements within a lens of equity. I. Hanson agrees with A. Drahos.

At 1:49 PM, P. Bassuk asks how to keep us accountable for equity and inclusion. B. Kelly responds that we could include a chair for DEI. I. Hanson says we vote on position statements to push through so if they aren't DEI, then we don't have to pass them.

At 1:51 PM, S. Drey motions to move into voting procedure, second by P. Bassuk.

At 1:54 PM, V. Iyer motions to close debate, S. Drey seconds

At 1:54 PM, I. Hanson motions to roll call vote, A. Drahos seconds. The motion fails 10-5.

At 1:57 PM, K. Chugh and Kameron Jones ask to clarify whether or not we will have a human rights committee. A. Drahos responds that DEI is too large, so we should have a Human Rights committee.

At 1:58 PM, I. Hanson motions to approve human rights committee, K. Chugh seconds. We enter debate procedure.

At 1:59, P. Bassuk mentions a DEI chair. I. Hanson has a point of inquiry if creating a DEI chair would change the policy manual.

At 2:01 PM, S. Drey motions to close debate, I. Hanson seconds.

At 2:02 PM, the human rights committee is approved, we are back into open floor. J. Piazza motions to create an environmental committee, I. Hanson seconds. I. Hanson motions to previous question, K. Chugh seconds. The environmental committee is approved.

At 2:03 PM, I. Hanson motions to create a health committee, B. Kelly seconds. The health committee is approved. Back in open floor.

At 2:06 PM, we discuss the prospect of a DEI chair.

VI. Committee Break-out and Discussion

At 2:11 PM, we pick our first choice committees and move into breakout rooms to pick committee chairs

VII. Appointing Committee Chairs

At 2:22 PM, the health committee appoints their chair candidate as L. Glenn.

At 2:23 PM, K. Chugh motions to approve appointment, A. Drahos seconds. L. Glenn is



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appointed as chair.

At 2:24 PM, the environmental committee appoints their chair candidate as I. Hanson.

At 2:25 A. Jayaram motions to approve appointment, k. Chugh seconds. L. Glenn is appointed as chair.

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At 2:26 PM, V. Iyer motions to approve appointment, K. Hesselink seconds, A. Moorlach is approved as committee chair

At 2:27 PM, the education committee appoints their chair candidate as P. Bassuk and B. Kelly, enter debate

At 2:27 PM, B. Kelly states why she should be the committee chair

At 2:29 PM, P. Bassuk states why he should be the committee chair

At 2:32 PM, A. Moorlach motions to enter mediation period, second by I. Hanson, passed unanimously

At 2:34 PM, I. Hanson, S. Koh, L. Roarick, A. Drahos, Kameron Jones, A.

Moorlach speaks in favor of P. Bassuk

At 2:37, Kendall Jones motions to previous question, second by K. Chugh. Paras is approved unanimously

VIII. Approve Minutes from 08/25/19 Conference Call

At 2:40 PM, A Drahos moves to approve Orientation Minutes, seconded by I Hanson. Motion passed unanimously

VIII. Discuss 2020 & New Legislative Agenda

At 2:50 PM, we break out into our committees again to talk about potential legislative priorities.

X. Closing remarks

At 3:03 PM, W. Keck reminds the council to send in pictures and bios for the website as well as create group chats for committees.

XI. Adjournment

At 3:05 PM, the call was adjourned.